

Dr. Aydin Safikhanli

Dr. Aydin Safikhanli is a Head of the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights (Ombudsman) of the Republic of Azerbaijan. He graduated from the Law Faculty of Baku State University. He has a postgraduate degree in Criminal Law, Criminology, Penalty Law, Institute of Philosophy and Law, Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences.

He was granted with the Certificate in the 17th Human Rights Summer School organized by Helsinki Human Rights Foundation; also he received the Certificate of National Human Rights Institutions Academy (Budapest, Hungary) at the initiative of the OSCE, the European Network of National Human Rights Institutions and the Central European University.

He is PhD in Law and lecturer at the UNESCO Department on Human Rights and Information Law of Baku State University.

He has started his career at the Ombudsman Office from 2002 and occupied in different positions. From 2010 to present he is a Head of the Ombudsman Office.

In different times he was the project Leader and Resident Twinning Advisor from the beneficiary country of the Twinning Project "Support for Strengthening the Ombudsman's opportunities of the Republic of Azerbaijan" within the framework of European Neighborhood and Partnership Instrument of European Union.

He has closely participated in working out the draft of the National Action Plan on the Protection of Human Rights in the Republic of Azerbaijan, as well as the draft of the National Program for Action to Raise Effectiveness of the Protection of Human Rights and Freedoms in the Republic of Azerbaijan.

As a member of Working Group within the Commission on Combating Corruption of the Republic of Azerbaijan, he has closely participated in preparing of the draft of the National Strategy on Increasing Transparency and Combating Corruption, the National Action Plan for Promotion of Open Government and the National Action Plan on Combating Corruption.

According to the Decree of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan dated December 13, 2012, he was appointed as a member to the State Commission of the Republic of Azerbaijan "On Integration Azerbaijan to European Union".

He is an author of a large number of scientific and educational-methodical works, articles in the field of Human Rights, including the book on "Enshrining of international conventions in which the Republic of Azerbaijan is a party in the national legislation", on "Provision of Human Rights and Freedoms: Azerbaijan's choice", on "The UN Protection Mechanisms on Human Rights (Collection of materials)" and others.

Dr. Aydin Safikhanli participated in more than 80 international events (conferences, seminars, annual meetings and etc.) and his speeches were included in the documents of and placed on the official websites of international and regional organizations like UN, COE, OSCE and others.

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